THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) to (d) This Ministry is responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways. Meerut-Kotdwar is a State Highway in Uttar Pradesh and stretch from Kotdwar to Srinagar (*via* Pauri) is served by two different State Highways in Uttaranchal. As such, the Meerut-Kotdwar-Pauri-Srinagar roads are the responsibility of the respective State Governments of Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal. From Srinagar to Badrinath, the road is a National Highway No. 58. Improvements of NH-58 in a length 82.645 km. is in progress as per schedule by Border Road Organisation.

Amendment in the Carriers Act, 1865

*167. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to bring about an amendment to the Carriers Act, 1865 as proposed by Bombay Goods Transport Association;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures proposed to be taken to stop the on-going harassment of the transporters?

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) to (c) Replacement of the Carriers Act, 1865 by a new legislation is under consideration of the Government. Suggestions from a number of sources including the Bombay Goods Transport Association have been received.

(d) Enforcement of provisions of Motor Vehicle related regulations falls under the purview of Government of respective States/U.Ts.

Toll Tax on Four-lane roads

†*168. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of four lane roads in the country, State-wise;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.